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For Immediate Release:

EIU HOSTS ANNUAL MAURICE D. SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY CONTEST

CHARLESTON -- Sixty students from 10 area high schools participated in Eastern Illinois University's 26th annual Maurice Shepherd High School Chemistry Contest held this month.

Students participated in a 60-minute written examination (50 questions), followed by a dinner break and talk – "The Structure and Properties of Black Widow Silk" – by Barbara Lawrence of Eastern's chemistry department. The top five teams and the top five individuals were then recognized and awards presented. A traveling trophy was presented to the first-place team, and plaques were awarded to the top five students.

The five schools having the highest team average were:

- ★ First Place: **Neoga High School** – Ryan Whitaker, Kari Wallace, Blake Spindler, Ted Walk, Toni Walk, Cassie Shuemaker, Daniel Cather and LeAnne Evans (coach);
- ★ Second Place: **East Richland High School, Olney** – Stacy Zuber, Todd Kocher, Jon Houston, Danyelle Dehner, Jason Anderson, Kristen Kocher and Adam Ibbotson (coach);
- ★ Third Place: **Tuscola High School** – Zach Danielson, Evan Simpson, Crystal Downs, Katrina Kappes, Lauren Ochs, Justin Martin and Beth Chamberlain (coach);

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- ★ Fourth Place: **Unity High School, Tolono** – Michael Butler, Nicole Koberlein, Benjamin Smith, Tara Reifsteck, Kristina Herriott, Danielle McNamara and Diana Herriott (coach):
- ★ Fifth Place: **Robinson High School** – Kari Skaggs, Anna Bedwell, Christen Friley, Laura Roche and Laurie Vaughn (coach).

Students from Neoga and East Richland swept the individual awards. Three Neoga students placed first, second and third, respectively, while two East Richland students placed fourth and fifth. The top score was 43.75 out of the 50 points.

The five highest ranking individual students, in order, were: Ryan Whitaker, Kari Wallace, Blake Spindler, Stacy Zuber and Todd Kocher.

2001 Maurice D. Shepherd Chemistry Contest

May 9, 2001 EIU

The 2002 Chemistry Contest is tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2002.

Sixty students from ten area high schools took the contest exam (50 questions, 60 minutes).

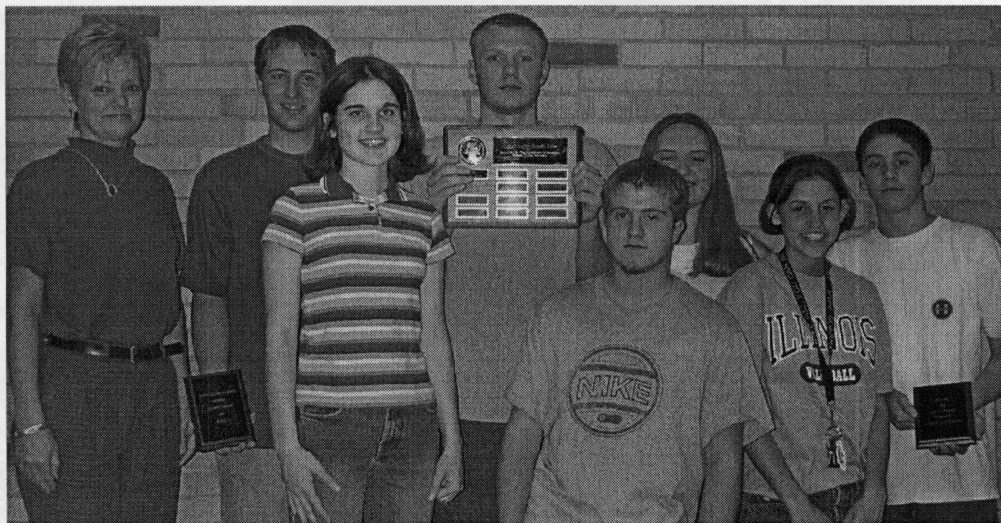
After the exam and time to eat, Dr. Barbara Lawrence of the Chemistry Department presented a talk entitled "Structure and Properties of Black Widow Silk."

Neoga HS claimed the travelling trophy with a team average of 34.88. Teams from East Richland (29.17), Tuscola (26.25), Unity (25.13), and Robinson (24.00) finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively.

Students from Neoga and East Richland swept the individual awards. Three Neoga students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively and two East Richland students placed 4th and 5th respectively--a first! The top score was 43.75--wow!

The top five teams and the top five individuals were recognized and presented awards; a traveling trophy was presented to the first-place team, and plaques were awarded to the top five students.

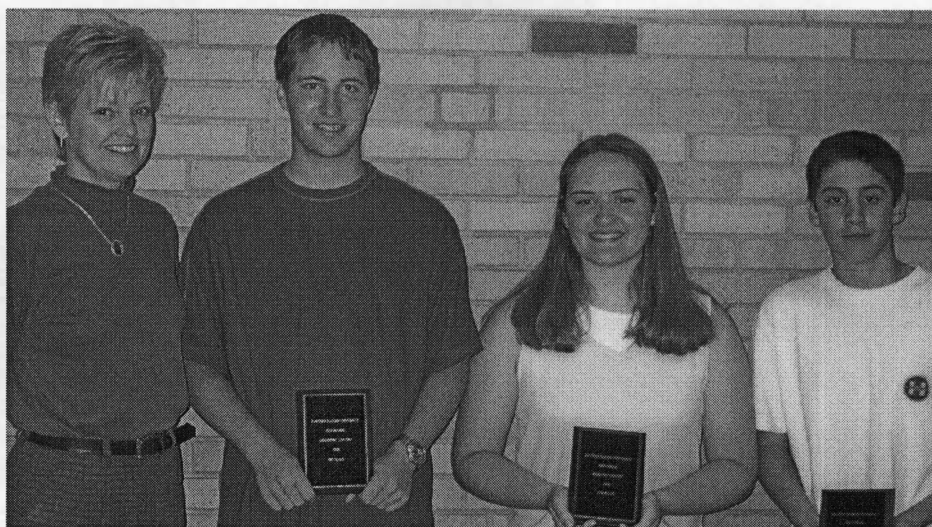
First Place: Neoga HS, Neoga, IL
Teacher: Ms. LeAnne Evans



Back Row: Ms. Evans, Ryan Whitaker, Ted Walk, Kari, Wallace, Blake Spindler

Front Row: Cassie Shuemaker, Daniel Cather, Toni Walk

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Individual Awards



Ms. Evans, Ryan Whitakar (1st place), Kari Jo Wallace (2nd place), Blake Spindler (3rd place)

Second Place: East Richland HS, Olney, IL

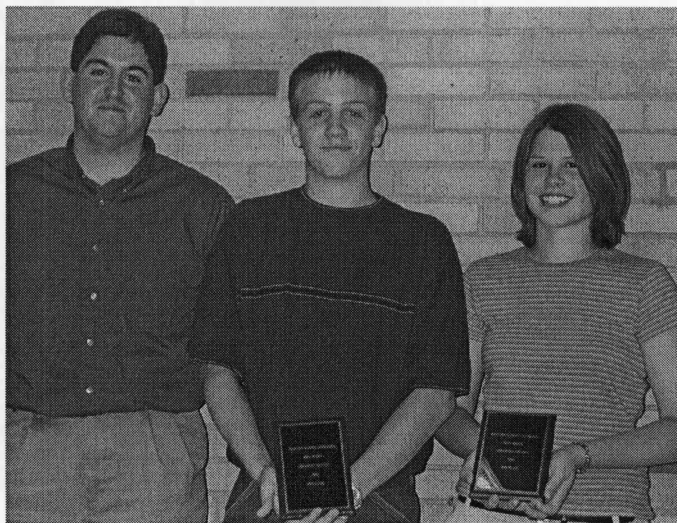
Teacher: Mr. Adam Ibbotson



Back Row: Mr. Ibbotson, Todd Kocher, Jon Houston, Jason Anderson

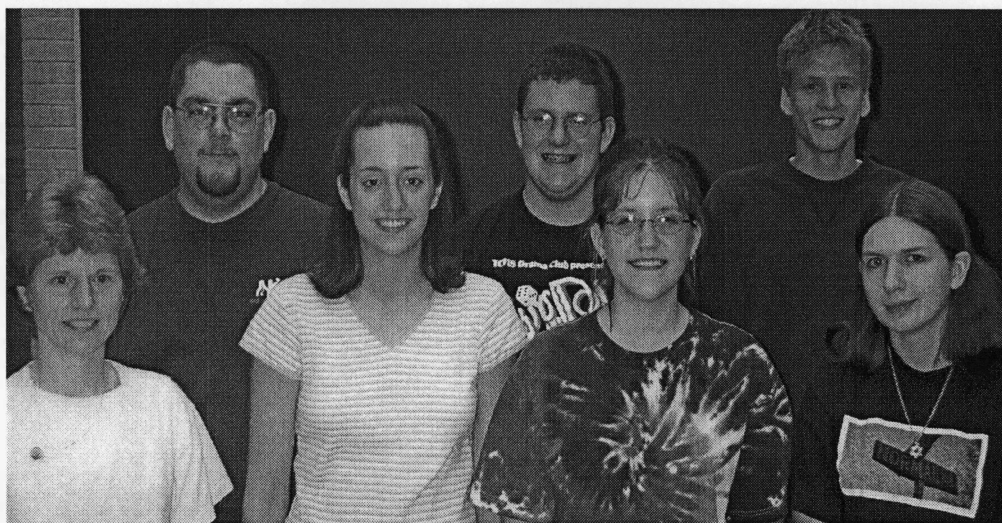
Front Row: Stacey Zuber, Danyelle Dehner, Kristen Kocher

4th and 5th Place Individual Awards



Mr. Ibbotson, Todd Kocher (5th place), Stacy Zuber (4th place)

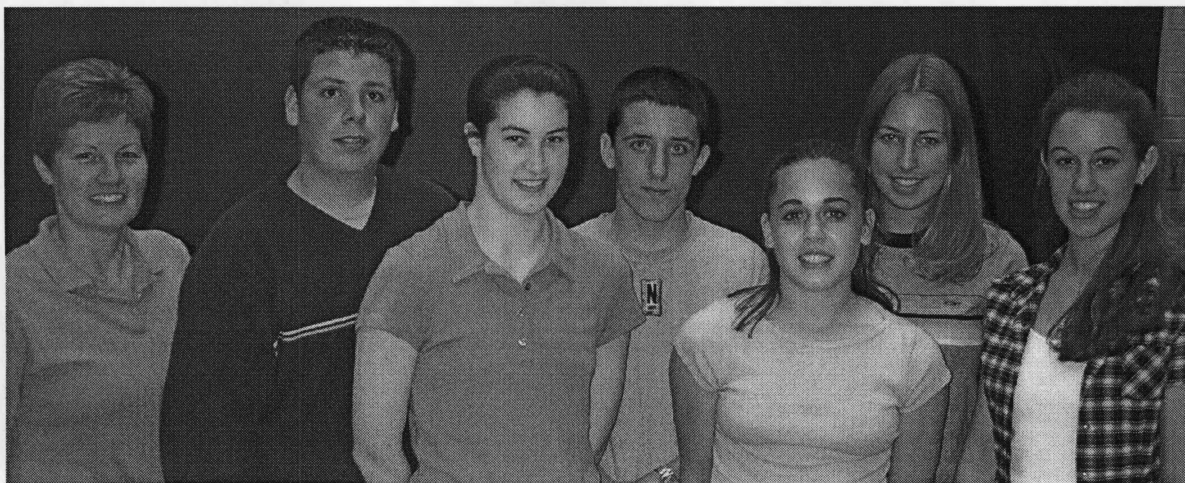
Third Place: Tuscola HS, Tuscola, IL Teacher: Ms. Beth Chamberlain



Back Row: Evan Simpson, Zach Danielson, Justin Martin
Front Row: Ms. Chamberlain, Lauren Ochs, Katrina Kappes, Crystal Down

Fourth Place: Unity HS, Tolono, IL

Teacher: Ms. Diana Herriott



Ms. Herriott, Ben Smith, Kristina Herriott, Michael Butler,
Danielle McNamara, Nicole Koberlain, Tara Reifster

Fifth Place: Robinson HS, Robinson, IL

Laurie Vaughn, teacher
picture unavailable

Team: Kari Skaggs, Anna Bedwell, Christen Friley, and Laura Roche
